केन्द्र सरकार द्वारा 1984-85 से 1992-93 तक 1,45,96,595/- रुपए की सहायता दी गई है ।

(ख) से (घ) हिमाचल प्रदेश सरकार ने वन्यजीव (संरक्षण) अधिनियम, 1972 की धारा 35 के तहत कुल्लू जिले में ग्रेट हिमालयी राष्ट्रीय उद्यान बनाने के अपने इरादे के बारे में एक अधिसूचना जारी की है तथा अतिरिक्त जिला मजिस्ट्रेट उक्त अधिनियम की धारा 19 की शर्तों के अनुसार कलैक्टर के रूप में उद्यान की सीमाओं के भीतर आने वाली भूमि पर लोगों के अधिकारों की जांच कर रहे हैं । प्रभावित लोगों को मुआवजे का भुगतान कलैक्टर के अंतिम निर्णय एवं अधिकारों के निर्धारण पर निर्भर करेगा ।

(ङ) उन सभी व्यक्तियों, जिनके अधिकार प्रभावित हुए हैं, को वन्यजीव (संरक्षण) अधिनियम 1972 के अन्तर्गत मुआवजा दिया जायगा ।

विभिन्न नदियों की सफाई हेतु योजना तैयार किया जाना

1711. **श्री राम नरेश यादव :** क्या पर्यावरण और वन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार ने विभिन्न नदियों की सफाई हेतु कोई योजना तैयार की है ताकि इन्हें प्रदूषण-मुक्त किया जा सके ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उक्त योजना की रूपरेखा क्या है ;

(ग) क्या सरकार प्रदूषण को रोकने के लिये कोई कानून बनाने अथवा जल-प्रदूषण को कम से कम करने के लिये दूसरे देशों से सहयोग प्राप्त करने पर विचार कर रही है ; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो ऐसा कब तक किये जाने की संभावना है ?

पर्यावरण और वन मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री कमल नाथ) : (क) से (घ) देश की प्रमुख नदियों के प्रदूषण निवारण के लिये एक राष्ट्रीय नदी कार्य योजना का प्रतिपादन किया जा रहा है । इस संबंध में विवरण तैयार किया जा रहा है, जिसमें अन्य देशों से वित्तीय सहायता प्राप्त करने की संभावना का पता लगाया जाना शामिल है ?

Forest land for plantations

1712. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that paper industry has sought cheap forest land for plantations;

(b) if so, to what extent the proposal has been appreciated by Government;

(c) whether it is a fact that paper industry has been given enormous subsidy in terms of state-supplied raw material; and

(d) what steps are taken by Government to ensure ecological standards in view of growing demands of the paper industry?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) National Forest Policy, 1988 states that that the practice of supply of forest produce to industry at concessional price should cease.

(d) To ensure ecological standards in view of growing demands of the paper industry, steps taken by the government are as follows:—

(i) Encouraging manufacture of paper from agricultural wastes.

(ii) Encouraging farm forestry for supply of raw material to paper and other industry.

(iii) Import of wood chips and pulp has been liberalised.

(iv) Time bound action plans have been formulated for compliance to the prescribed standards for pollution control for all identified polluting categories of industries including paper industry.

(v) Standards for water consumption and waste water discharge have been laid down for pulp and paper units and the cess payable by these units is based upon the compliance of these standards.

Creating an ecological task force of ex-servicemen for Himachal Pradesh

1713. SHRI MAHESHWAR SINGH: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any proposal for creating an Ecological Task Force of ex-servicemen for Himachal Pradesh;

(b) if so, when and what action has been taken in this regard;

(c) whether it is a fact that the proposal for creating an Eco-Task Force of ex-servicemen in J&K was received later than from Himachal Pradesh and has already been sanctioned; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) and (b) A proposal for creating an Ecological Task Force for Himachal Pradesh was received in 1982. Action for establishing the Eco-Task Force in Himachal Pradesh could not be taken due to paucity of funds.

(c) and (d) The Ecological Task Force of Jammu & Kashmir was established as a special case and as a part of the special package of programmes approved for the State in 1987.

Setting up of a Biosphere Resource

1714. SHRI MAHESHWAR SINGH: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to set up a Biosphere Reserve for conservation of biological diversity in Himachal Pradesh; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and action taken so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) and (b) The State Government of Himachal Pradesh has proposed that the Great Himalayan National Park, Pin Valley National Park, Spiti and Kibber-Parang Valley adjoining Ladakh to be designated as a Biosphere Reserve. The proposal has been referred to the National Committee on Biosphere Reserves for advice.

Poaching in Tiger Resort

1715. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that one high ranking IAS Officer in Rajasthan was apprehended for Poaching in Tiger Resort;

(b) what action Government propose to take against this officer to set example against poaching; and

(c) whether Government would confiscate all arms within the periphery of tiger resorts in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) Yes, Sir.